

**A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN ADAPTER CARD
PROVIDING CONDITIONAL ACCESS IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method and apparatus for an adapter card, for use in a computer, to provide conditional access by the computer to incoming data streams while maintaining the security of information by maintaining a listing of addresses corresponding to data streams which the computer is authorized to receive, receiving and determining the address of a frame, determining whether the frame address matches an address maintained in an Access Table, and processing and transmitting only those frames of data streams which the computer is authorized to receive.

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